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Kansas Covid obituary excoriates mask deniers

Calling his death "political," one son's obituary for his father slammed mask-refusers.

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A Kansas son's obituary paying tribute to his father who died of Covid-19 is going viral for excoriating mask refusers.

[In the death notice](#), Courtney Farr, the son of the late Dr. Marvin J. Farr, who died December 1 at Park Lane Nursing Home in Scott City, Kansas, wrote that his father was "preceded in death by more than 260,000 Americans infected with Covid-19."



— "Hope you're in as much peace now as you are in this picture," Courtney Farr wrote in a Facebook post about his father, Marvin. via Facebook

Describing his late father as a man born into the Great Depression and having survived World War II amidst great sacrifice, Courtney Farr said Marvin "died in a world where many of his fellow Americans refuse to wear a piece of cloth on their face to protect one another."

"He died in a room not his own, being cared for by people dressed in confusing and frightening ways. He died with Covid-19, and his final days were harder, scarier and lonelier than necessary. He was not surrounded by friends and family."

[In a Facebook post acknowledging](#) the viral obituary, Courtney Farr said he is "honestly in shock" at how many had read his obituary: "Often when we experience loss, pain or trauma, we feel so alone," he wrote, "And there's such incredible power to learning that you are not, that someone else also knows."

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Farr wrote that the response has been "vastly positive, but I have seen a few negative comments, including claims that I made my father's obituary political."

"Well, his death was political," Farr wrote. "He died in isolation with an infectious disease that is causing a national crisis. To pretend otherwise or to obfuscate is also a political decision."



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